

II. REMARKS

A. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 49 and 53-56 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 49 and 53 have been amended. Claim 54 is dependent on Claim 54. Claims 55 and 56 are canceled.

B. Rejections under Obviousness Type Double Patenting

Claims 41, 42, 45, 47, 51, 53, 54 and 57-59 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over patented claims 1, 1, 11, 12, 37, 39, 39, 1, 1, and 1, of U.S. Patent No. 5,764,543.

A terminal disclaimer accompanies this response.

C. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 43, 44, 46, 48, 50, 55, and 56 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as claiming the same invention as that of patented claims 1, 13, 23, 24, 25, 39 and 40 of prior U.S. Patent No. 5,764,543.

These claims are requested to be canceled.

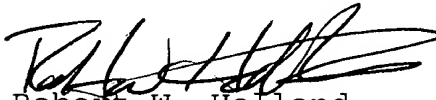
III. CONCLUSION

Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of Claims 41, 42, 45, 47, 49, 51 - 54, and 57 - 59.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker & Botts, L.L.P.

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